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Let Us Go Forward

By JAMES R. HOWARD

President of the American Farm Bureau Federation.



"The American Farm Bureau Federation asks the whole-hearted support of all farmers. Not a one of you but knows that there is nothing hypothetical in the statement that things cannot continue as they now are. Either farm prices must come up to meet the level of other commodities, or other commodities must come down to meet the level of farm commodities within a relatively short time or America will be in the throes of such a panic the like of which she has never dreamed. It is idle to talk of a returning of prosperity with distributing costs 50 per cent above producing prices. There is an old law of economics printed in one of the oldest textbooks dealing with human relationship but too much forgotten in our modern life and everyday business. It is the Golden Rule of human relations. I declare unto you that this Golden Rule is today just as sound economically, just as essential morally, as when it was first enunciated on the mountain-top. There is a great deal more difference of opinion between the leaders of farmers' organizations than there is between the farmers who make up the rank and file. Between John Smith on section 36 and Frank Jones on section 25, there is only a line fence. One may belong to the Farm Bureau and the other to something else, but both have the same needs. To make that line fence or that organization membership a barrier between neighbors is wrong. We are all working for the same ends—economic and social justice for agriculture. We may differ as to the best means of securing this, but is that any reason for not exchanging work and living in a fine spirit of neighborliness?"

Not Class Legislation.

"Much has been said of late regarding class legislation and the development of class consciousness. No organization has been more pronounced in opposition to either than has the American Farm Bureau Federation. Repeatedly have we said that there is but one interest in this country and that is the interest of the whole American people. "Time and again have we asserted our interest and our dependence upon transportation lines and facilities, manufacturing establishments, distributive institutions, as well as the American laborer and the consumer in general. We have called the attention of all classes of our citizenry to the fact that no one of us can permanently prosper without all the others also prospering. We have endeavored constantly to look across our own line fences and to study the other man's problems. "I want to assert plainly that the American Farm Bureau Federation has not knowingly or wittingly advocated and never shall advocate any policy which is not for the well-being of all our various interests."

Half Our Population.

"The farmer, with the dweller in the small town whose interest is rural rather than industrial, constitutes, according to census reports, practically one-half of our population. He produces that which sustains the entire population. He is not now nor ever has been a hoarder of his world's goods. The money which he receives for his crops does not go into tin cans to be buried in the backyard. It goes directly into the channels of trade for the payment of labor and the necessities of life, for interest and for the maintenance of our public institutions. "Do you want to know what will start again the hum of the mills and the song of the laborer throughout the land? A prosperous agriculture! It is the foundation of all permanent prosperity and contentment. It has been so in all nations and ages. Delay in bringing about this speedy re-adjustment is fraught with untold dangers. Your responsibilities and mine must be squarely faced. The interests of the men with their feet in the furrows are entrusted to us in this reconstruction effort. We carry no white flag. Fear and jealousy and bickering amongst classes of our citizenry must give way to the forces of mutual helpfulness and co-operation."

Much to Be Done.

"Though much has been accomplished, there remains much more to be done. To reach these horizons, challenges the loyalty and co-operation of every farmer in America—every one. Only by sincerity of purpose and aggressive organization is the job to be put over. The Farm Bureau is but an arch through which American farmers are marching into fields of ever-widening endeavor, achievement and progress. But when we have passed through the arch we will look back and see it as an arch that will rival the triumphant arches of achievement of the Romans, and will stand as a tribute to progress in agriculture. "With full realization of the responsibilities of our citizenship—in full consciousness of our just rights and privileges, let us go forward."

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VALLEY VIEW

"An ice cream supper for the benefit of Valley View Baptist church, will be given at church building Saturday evening, June 17. This is a worthy cause and should be patronized by local citizens."

Mrs. Lila Chaney and little Miss Lucille Sowers, of near Middleburg, Casey county, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Grizard.

Mrs. W. P. Sowers and daughter, Miss Violet, have returned to Lexington after a visit to the former's brother, J. K. Herring. Mrs. Margaret Anderson and son, Jesse Deatherage, of Lexington, have concluded a visit to the former's sister, Mrs. E. M. Masters and family.

A torrential rain, accompanied by heavy wind, visited this section Sunday night. Land was washed considerably.

Mrs. Bettie Million, one of the oldest citizens of this community, is reported confined to her bed due to the infirmities of old age.

A. B. Howard and family, who moved to Nicholasville during the school term, have returned to their home here.

It is currently reported here that a secret school will be opened in the near future in the residence known as the M. F. Wharton property, now owned by C. C. Wallace, of Richmond. It is to be a technical school for training purposes.

Quite a bunch of youngsters is camping at Camp Daniel Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Witt and Mrs. Sanford Witt visited relatives in Lexington the first of the week.

The Rev. O. Olin Green, of Richmond, delivered a strong gospel sermon at the Valley View Baptist church Sunday. The church has been without a pastor for several months and it is likely that Rev. Anderson, pastor of Republican Baptist church may be induced to preach regularly once a month.

Miss Myrtle Harvey was the guest Tuesday night of her cousin, Miss Grace Garrett.

Keeping the Boys on the Farm

Farm Bureau's Biggest Interest Is Farm Boys and Girls

AFTER all, the biggest interest of the American farmer is in his boys and girls. The Farm Bureau has a large child-welfare program. In practically every County Farm Bureau in the United States, boys' and girls' clubs have been or are being organized and trained leaders placed in charge.

There are now 4,120 leaders of boys' and girls' clubs. Club members are setting the pace in yields of grain; they are raising the kind of pigs, calves, and sheep that win prizes at state and national live stock shows. They are learning to sew, can and prepare foods, and beautify their homes. They are not only learning scientific farming and housekeeping but a large part of their work is to demonstrate these progressive methods to others. At the same time they are producing wealth. In 1920 there were 331,000 members who produced \$8,885,092 worth of products.



These boys and girls will be farmers of the next generation and their interest in remaining on the farm will not only be stimulated but the profession will be elevated by the new ideas which the Farm

Bureau are bringing to the Boys' and Girls' Clubs. Besides bringing the children a new interest in their work, their club contracts give them a richer social experience and a pride in the country.

Investigations Show Grain Market Speculation

Recent investigations of the American Farm Bureau Federation have shown that speculation on grain market was working a hardship upon the producers of grain and that grain exchanges had become so powerful that it was necessary for the Government to regulate and control them—just as necessary as it is for our Government to control the railroads, to control insurance companies and to control our banks.

This year the American Farm Bureau Federation gave its support to this demand at the hands of Congress, and this bill enacted into a law. For the first time in the history of our nation, there is a law on the statute books providing for the Federal regulation of the grain exchanges of the United States.

The Federation has assisted in procuring legislation providing for the regulation and control of our Live Stock markets. At the present time the commissions on the Live Stock Exchanges which the producer is compelled to pay are from 80 to 100 per cent greater than those existing before the war.

Farm Bureau a Dirt Farmer's Organization

The Farm Bureau is absolutely a dirt farmer's organization. In order to keep its record straight, one of the State Farm Bureau Federations recently conducted a survey among county farm bureau presidents to ascertain their farming activities. Only one of the whole list was not actually working his farm; he had been farming 45 years and owns a 3,000-acre farm over which he has supervision. Although he is entitled to a rest, he is giving freely of his time to Farm Bureau work. These county farm bureau presidents had been farming an average of more than 26 years. The shortest period of farm life for anyone was 6 years, and the longest 46 years. Twelve of the list have held no public positions. Others have served their communities in such capacities as township supervisor, school treasurer, township constable, president of school board, president of shipping association, county commissioner, president of farmers' telephone company and state legislator.

Notice, Elks!

There will be initiation and social session Friday evening, June

16th. All brothers expected to come. H. Bennet Farris, Exalted Ruler.

WHITE HALL

Miss Lillian Brandenburg is at home from Lexington where she has been in school the past year. Mrs. Lott Powell Howard, of West Virginia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Powell.

Mrs. Charles Shaw, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, arrived Sunday to spend the summer with her father, Mr. A. M. Reed, and other relatives in the county.

Mr. Edwin McCurdy, of Nicholasville, was the guest of Mr. Joe Madison Taylor Sunday.

Mrs. Harry W. Paxton, of Waddy, spent the week end with the Misses Shearer.

Mrs. McNulty, of Lexington, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Day were called to Tazewell, Tenn., Sunday by the serious illness of Mrs. Day's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Chapman and Mrs. R. B. Boston were the guests of Mrs. William Haden Sunday.

Rev. Cleo Purvis is assisting Rev. Holder in a meeting at Mt. Pleasant which began Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ellison made a business trip to Lexington Wednesday.

Misses Evelyn and Edna Minter were surprised Saturday evening by a number of friends. Games were played, delicious refreshments were served during the evening and all had a nice time.

Mrs. J. W. Wilson entertained a few of her friends at dinner Tuesday in honor of the ministers who are conducting the revival.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goodwin, of Oklahoma City, are visiting Mr. J. W. Shearer and family.

Hague Court Begins Work

(By Associated Press)

The Hague, June 15—The first business session of the permanent Court of International Justice began here today. Sixty delegates, representing 30 countries, are present.

That White Robin

Apropos of a recent article about a white robin, H. F. Hillenmeyer, sage of Fayette county, writes the following to the Harrodsburg Herald:

The item in your last issue speculating whether the young of an albino robin would follow the inherency of their mother, was read with interest, and may the opinion be ventured with confidence that they will not.

Animals and birds occasionally develop the peculiarity of the whitening of fur or feather, always accompanied by a reddening of the pupil of the eye. It has oft been noted in crows, blackbirds and squirrels, but without transmission to the offspring.

Many years since an albino gray squirrel appeared in woodland surrounding my home, was of course fostered and protected, reared several litters of young in nearby trees, became gentle as a kitten, but none of her offspring were other than true to type.

The only instance in which distinctive differing markings have been perpetuated, that has come under my observation, is in an increasing flock of redwing black birds, the marking of which is white instead. The pair was noted on an adjoining farm some years since, has annually returned to the same nesting spot and has grown into quite a flock.

Attention Mr. Farmer!

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